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SUBJECT: EXPEDITED DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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1. IN MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS NOVEMBER 11, I INFORMED
HIM OF OUR EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE THE DELIVERY OF MILITARY
MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT AS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL.

2. I STRESSED THAT THIS WAS A ONE-TIME ACTION WHICH REPRESENTED
A VERY SPECIAL EFFORT TO RESPOND TO PHILIPPINE REQUIREMENTS. I
STRESSED THAT WE DID NOT WISH IN ANY WAY TO BE

LINKED WITH PROBLEMS IN THE SOUTH OR TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO THIS GESTURE. PRESIDENT MARCOS SAID HE APPRECIATED THIS RESPONSE AND UNDERSTOOD OUR DESIRE THAT THERE BE NO PUBLICITY.

3. HE THEN WENT INTO LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE PROBLEM WHICH IS REPORTED IN SEPTEL. HE SAID EQUIPMENT WAS IMPORTANT NOT SO MUCH FOR USE IN THE SOUTH AS TO GIVE PHILIPPINE FORCES CLEAR STRENGTH WHICH CAN HAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON BOTH MOSLEM REBELS AND NPA. HE SAID THAT PHILIPPINE ARMY WAS ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH SOUTHERN PROBLEM TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF ITS CURRENT EQUIPMENT AND LOCAL SUPPLIES. NATIVE BOATS, FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID WERE BEING USED TO CUT OFF ISLANDS HELD BY THE REBELS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.

4. THIS WILLINGNESS TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS AND WILL HAVE A CLEAR EFFECT UPON OUR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HAVING NOW INFORMED HIM OF THIS STEP, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE TIMETABLES BE FOLLOWED. NEWSOM UNQUOTE VANCE

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